



**PATENT  
MAIL STOP RCE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004 (Paper No. 20040127), and the supplemental Office Action mailed April 2, 2004 (Paper No. 20040331), in connection with the above-captioned application. This communication accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 to reopen prosecution after a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("BPAI"), and includes a response and amendment of the claims.

This Response is being timely filed in view of the two-month statutory period in which to respond to the final decision of the BPAI issued on July 12, 2007, and accompanying fee for RCE being filed herewith, which extends the time for response up to and including September 12, 2007.